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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Market Test of Experimental Product –
USPS Connect Local Mail

Docket No. MT2022-1

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2
AND NOTICE OF FILING UNDER SEAL

(Issued December 3, 2021)

To clarify the basis of information provided by the Postal Service in its notice of intent to conduct the USPS Connect Local Mail market test,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers should be provided to individual questions as soon as they are developed, but no later than December 10, 2021.

1. Please see Attachment, filed under seal.
2. The Postal Service states that "Priority Mail flats was selected as the most appropriate proxy because unlike First-Class Mail flats, USPS Connect Local Mail will receive tracking scans and thus the mail processing and delivery procedures will be more similar to those of Priority Mail flats rather than First-Class flats, which do not receive tracking scans."² Please identify how many tracking scans a Priority Mail flat receives if it has an origin and destination served by the same delivery unit, and at what stages the scans occur.

¹ United States Postal Service Notice of Market Test of Experimental Product – USPS Connect Local Mail, November 10, 2021.

² Response of the United States Postal Service to Commission Information Request No. 1, November 30, 2021, question 2.b. (Response to CIR No. 1).

3. Please refer to the Response to CIR No. 1, question 4, in which the Postal Service lists four alternative service options to USPS Connect Local Mail. Please describe in detail any differences in the service provided between these alternative service options and USPS Connect Local Mail.
4. The Postal Service confirms that mailers who choose to send USPS Connect Local Mail by Carrier Pick-Up in line-of-travel will not be charged a Carrier Pick-Up fee in addition to the proposed pricing of \$2.95. Response to CIR No. 1, question 2.c. Please provide an estimate of the potential revenue loss derived from not collecting the existing Carrier Pick-Up fee.

By the Vice Chairwoman.

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